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Report of Selectmen

Tax required to be assessed in town April, 1910

State tax	$ 390.00
County tax	545.92
Town charges	900.00
Highways and bridges	706.85
Schools, amount required by law	487.50
By vote of school district	400.00
Library tax	19.50
Overlay	37.36
	$3,487.13

Rate of taxation, $1.72 on each $100.

Invoice April 1, 1910

Polls	95	$ 9,500.00
Real estate		145,024.00
Horses	144	12,554.00
Oxen	6	460.00
Cows	298	10,748.00
Other neat stock	165	3,736.00
Sheep	240	894.00
Hogs	5	86.00
Fowls	315	162.00
Automobile	1	300.00
Bank stock	1	100.00
Money on hand and at interest		10,486.00
Stock in trade		6,910.00
Mills		1,780.00
		$202,740.00

Treasurer's Report

For the year ending February 15, 1911.

Feb. 15, 1910, cash in treasury	$ 53.52

Rec'd from selectmen, borrowed money	$ 220.00
Sullivan county, for support of paupers	145.47
Town clerk, for dog licenses	91.20
Town clerk, on primary registration	8.00
Tax collector	2,557.28
Interest on taxes	4.10
Justice fees	5.00
Selectmen, state aid for state highways	327.93
Savings bank tax	131.78
	$3,544.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid county tax	$ 545.92
State tax	390.00
Selectmen's orders	2,581.26
Cash on hand	27.10
	$3,544.28

HENRY J. LASELLE, Treasurer.

Town Officers

Alvin S. Cram, 1st Selectman 1909	$ 49.00
Robert H. Wheeler, 2d Selectman 1909	36.00
Edwin H. Clark, 3d Selectman 1909	10.00
Alvin S. Cram, supervisor check list Sept. 3 to Nov. 7	3.00
Mrs. H. J. LaSelle, services as librarian 1909	15.00
George H. Royce, supervisor Nov. 1908, to Mar. 1910	6.00
Henry J. LaSelle, services as town treasurer 1910	25.00
Walter H. Smith, supervisor Nov. 1908 to 1910	6.00
Frank R. Bates, services as sexton 1910	30.20
Herbert A. Holmes, services as town clerk 1910	25.00
Herbert A. Holmes, services as tax collector 1910	40.00
H. A. Holmes, supervisor Feb. 1910, to Nov. 8, 1910	4.50
Charles Wlnch, services as auditor and moderator	2.00
	$251.70

County Paupers

Balance due from Sullivan County Feb. 15, 1910	$ 37.28
Paid out for benefit of Milton J. Clark	162.81
	$200.09
Received from Sullivan county	145.47
Due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1911	54.62
	$200.09
Received from dog licenses	$91.20
Amount payable school treasurer, April 1, 1911	$91.20

Highways and Bridges

Selectmen, for raking stone on state road	$8.75
Selectmen, to building sluice on Cold River road	9.00
George H. Royce, surveyor in District No. 7, raking stone	3.00
G. H. Royce, railing near Prentiss Bridge	23.93
George H. Royce, surveyor in District No. 7	49.79
George H. Royce, for fixing the Prentiss Bridge	2.50
Frank R. Bates, work in District No 7	5.00
Frank D. Jones, surveyor District No. 3	44.85
George G. Bowen, bridge plank and timber	24.16
William L. Lakin, work on road District No. 6 south part	19.88
James W. Bascom, to work on road District No. 6 north part	14.98
James McDermitt, work on road District No. 2	48.75
Selectmen, to work on road and cash paid out	3.50
George H. Royce, cash paid for plank and stringers for Prentiss Bridge	9.65
G. H. Royce, raking stone on state road	2.79
James A. Hall, scraping state road with team	7.60
Carlos J. Fifield, to work on road District No. 4	62.72
F. D. Jones, work on road in District No. 3	14.00
James McDermitt, to work on road in District No. 2	31.85
M. H. Ray & Co., 4204 ft. of bridge plank for Cold River Bridge	75.67

Frank D. Jones, to work on road in District No. 3	$ 2.85
James A. Hall, to drawing plank and gravel	7.55
Sanford H. Lawrence, work on road District No. 5	4.60
B. F. Brown, work on road District No 7	3.00
Arthur G. Lamb, work on road District No. 2	3.00
William L. Lakin, to work on road in District No. 6	3.85
James W. Bascom, to work on road in District No. 6	1.05
Maurice Dillow, to work on road in District No. 7	4.14
	$490 41

Snow Bills

E. H. Clark, breaking roads	$ 2.85
W. L. Lakin, snow bill	5.51
James McDermitt, snow bill and snowing bridge	3.75
Miss E. B. Prentiss, man and team breaking road	1.35
Walter P. Davis, breaking roads in Dist. No. 5	6.30
Herbert A. Holmes, shoveling snow in 1910	1.05
James W. Bascom, breaking roads Dist. No. 6	11.32
Fred Green, shoveling snow Dist. No. 6	2.40
	$34.53

Tool House

Howard Hardware Co., for nails	$ 7.61
Herbert G. Lamb, 7434 ft. lumber for tool house	127.37
S. W. Stuart, clapboards and shingles	60.00
R. H. Ramsay, 6 windows	9.60
Geo. G. Bowen, finish lumber	73.64
Geo. G. Bowen, finish lumber	5.60
Geo. H. Royce, 140 ft. clapboards	2.52
Howard Hardware Co., nails, oils, hardware, paint, etc.	17.03
George F. Lewis, 700 ft. boards	10.50
Herbert G. Lamb, drawing shingles and clapboards	1.00
George H. Royce, work on tool house	65.00
Henry J. Soucie, work on tool house	48.30
William A. Wheeler, work on tool house	4.00
Ralph Jacobs, work on tool house	5.25
	$437.42

State Road

Northeast Metal Culvert Co., 22 feet of culvert	$ 16.95
To work on state road to Oct. 2, 1910	88.81
To work on state road from Oct. 2 to Oct. 9	61.78
To work on state road from Oct. 9 to Oct. 16	118.22
To work on state road from Oct. 16 to Oct. 22	100.30
To work on state road from Oct. 22 to Oct. 29	143.55
To work on state road from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5	84.42
To work on state road from Nov. 5 to Nov. 12	43.02
George H. Royce, to freight on tile culvert	.65
George T. Woodell, 706 loads of gravel	35.30
Town disbursements	$693.00
State disbursements	42.46
	$735.46
Total joint fund for 1910	661.73
Overworked in year 1910	$73.73

Miscellaneous

Sheriff of Sullivan county, judgment Tucker bridge case	$ 23.86
John W. Jeffts, fumigating church and H. A. Holmes' house	2.55
Geo. H. Royce, telephone, postage and stationery	1.55
James A. Hall, borrowed money in 1910	20.00
Edson C. Eastman, blanks and blank books	3.20
E. L. Elliott, printing town reports in 1909	18.25
Howard Hardware Co., drain tile	4.48
William A. Wheeler, work on log drag and money paid out	6.00
George H. Royce, posting forest fire notices	3.00
E. L. Walker, insurance on town house	3.00
John Hadlock, three castings for scraper	1.80
Geo. H. Foss, M. D., 2 visits to Natt Beckwith while in charge of the constable	2.50
George H. Royce, shingling hearse house	5.00

E. W. Henry, drawing the lumber, etc.,	$ 8.50
James A. Hall, perambulating town line between Acworth and Langdon	2.00
Howard Hardware Co., shovels, picks, etc.,	5.60
James Brooks, fighting and watching fire, Howe	1.80
Robert Wheeler, fighting and watching fire	1.40
Charles Winch, cash paid for printing library catalogues	27.50
Library trustees, library tax, 1910	19.50
Herbert G. Lamb, to wood furnished for town house 1909	2.00
George H Royce, to housing scraper and tools two years	4.00
Walter H. Smith, to fighting fire on Howe lot	.60
Henry E. Smith, to snowing Prentiss Bridge in 1909 and 1910	2.00
W. H. Wilson, for use of watering in 1910	3.00
Frank R. Bates, for fighting fire on Howe lot	.60
Geo. A. Woodward, for services on Natt Beckwith case	4.25
Charles A. Jefts, to cash and labor fumigating little Stanley house	1.95
School treasurer, unexpended dog license in 1909	82.85
H. A. Holmes, abatement of Albert J. Porter tax 1910	5.68
Herbert A. Holmes, cash paid for printing check list	4.69
H. A. Holmes, three men fighting fire on Howe lot	1.80
H. A. Holmes, recording births, marriages and deaths	1.70
Bayard T. Mousley, M. D., reporting twenty births and deaths	5.00
Eleazer Porter, interest on $290 note	10.15
Eleazer Porter, to note and interest May 7, 1910	207.50
C. J. Newell, abatement of part tax on timber on Davidson lot	5.73
	$510.39

Recapitulation

Town officers	$ 251.70
County paupers	163.81
Highways and bridges	490.41
Snow bills	34.53
State tax	390.00
County tax	545.92
Tool house	437.42
State aid road	693.00
Miscellaneous	510.39
	$3,517.18

Trust Fund

The Henry Prentiss fund, Martha Ann Bowles fund, Mary E. Holden fund, are invested in the Bellows Falls Saving Institution, the interest to be expended in the care of the Prentiss lots, the Reed lot, and J. W. Holden lot in the cemeteries.

The interest of the Prentiss fund of $7.00 was expended by Elizabeth B. Prentiss on lots in the South cemetery in the year 1910, but has not been paid.

Assets

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1911	$27.10
Due from Sullivan County Feb. 15, 1911	$54.62

Liabilities

Note to Eleazer Porter, interest 3½ per cent	$290.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. ROYCE,
JAMES A. HALL,
EMERY W. HENRY,
} Selectmen of Langdon.

This certifies that I have attended to my duties as auditor and have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer and find them properly cast and vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1911.

Financial Report of Library Trustees

DR.

To cash on hand February 15, 1910	$24.79
Fines imposed	2.11
Books loaned to non-residents	.10
Library tax	19.50
	$46.50

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Aug. 19, 1910, 22 volumes purchased of G. H. Tilden & Co., Keene	$21.36
For wrapping paper	,12
Nov. 18, 1910, purchased of G. H. Tilden 12 vols.,	5.40
Jan. 10, 1911, paid Charles Winch for purchase of the following articles: 300 due book cards, $2.-50; 250 applications, $1; 2 dating stamps, .30; 1 ink pad, .15; member blanks, .05	4.00
	$30.88
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1911	15.62
	$46.50

By vote of the town the library trustees were authorized to print a revised catalogue. The revision has been carefully made by Charles Winch, and the catalogue is now on sale at fifteen cents per copy. The total cost for printing is $22.50.

The new books added to the library, during the last year, represent a variety of subjects, as farming, nature study, travel, exploration and fiction, and the general interest is well sustained.

ELIZABETH B. PRENTISS, Secretary of Trustees.

School District Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1911

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1910	$ 377.36
Cash received from tax collector	887.50
Cash received borrowed money	800.00
Cash received proportion of school fund	156.00

Cash received tuition Ezra Dickerman's children	$ 9.60
Cash received old floor boards	10.30
Cash received for book	.25
Cash received for old stove	2.00
Cash received for old lumber	.35
Cash received literary fund	36.54
Cash received dog license money 1909	82.85
	$2,362.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on orders	$2,304.58
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1911	58.17
	$2,362.75

MRS. ELSIE J. LASELLE, School Treasurer.

Report of the Board of Education

Number of schools maintained	3
Terms of school	7
Weeks in spring	22
Weeks in fall	35
Weeks in winter	20
Whole number of weeks	77
Number of pupils reported	60
Girls	25
Boys	35
Number in actual attendance	50
attending in adjoining towns	10

Names of Teachers Employed

SPRING TERM

School No. 1	Martha H. Hoyt
No. 3	May A. Barnes
No. 3, supply 2 weeks	Bertha Ramsey

FALL TERM

School No. 1	Martha A. Hoyt
No. 3 Grammar	May A. Barnes
No. 3 Primary	Blanch L. Davis

WINTER TERM

No. 3 Grammar	May A. Barnes
No. 3 Primary	Blanch L. Davis

Financial Statement

Orders drawn on district treasurer	$2,304.58

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 377.36
Amount of money required by law	487.50
Additional voted by district meeting	1,050.00
Assessed by selectmen for school books and supplies	80.00
Assessed by selectmen for tuition in high schools and academies	40 00
Assessed by selectmen for salaries of school board, truant officer and other district officers	30.00
Literary fund, December, 1910	36.54
Amount from state treasury, December, 1910:	
(a) District superintendent	75.00
(b) Support of schools	81.00
Local funds	22.50
Amount received for support of schools from dog licenses	82.85

Expenditures

TEACHERS

May A. Barnes, 27 weeks	$275.00
Bertha Ramsey, 2 weeks	22.00
Martha H. Hoyt, 29 weeks	275.50
Blanch L. Davis, 19 weeks	161.50

Superintendent	$150.00
Free text-books	26.59
Scholars' supplies	42.07
Tuition in adjoining towns	39.00
High school and academy tuition	40.00
Transportation of pupils	79.05
Other district officers	6.00
Voted repairs and furnace	987.60
Minor repairs, floor, shingling	114.17
Insurance	6.50
Janitor service	43.05
Fuel	26.00
Miscellaneous expenses not included above	10.71
Balance unexpended	58.17

Liabilities

Note to Eleazer Porter $800 at 5 per cent interest

ESTIMATES FOR COMING FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1912

Money required by law	$487.50
Money required for text-books and scholars' supplies	80.00
Money required for high school and academy tuition	96.00
Money needed for salaries and expenses of school board	20.00
Money needed for salary of truant officer	5.00
Money needed for salaries of other district officers	5.00
Estimated income from the state, December, 1911:	
Literary fund	36.00
General state aid	180.00
One half superintendent's salary	75.00
Rebate for high school and academy tuition	8.00
Amount needed for repairs	50.00
Additional amount needed	674.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEFTS,
SARAH A. PORTER,
JAMES W. BASCOM,
} School board.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of the School District of Langdon:

Herewith I respectfully submit my second annual report as superintendent of your schools, it being the eighth in a series of similar reports so submitted since you first adopted the supervisory district plan.

STATISTICS

Spring term, 1910

School	Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Atten.	Per cent of Attendance
Center	May A. Barnes	37	34.92	31.33	89.72
Hill	Martha H. Hoyt	16	16	14.50	90.63
Fall Term, 1910					
Center Gram.	May A. Barnes	19	18.66	15.82	84.78
Center Pri.	Blanche L. Davis	16	16	13.70	85.63
Hill	Martha H. Hoyt	16	16	14.77	92.31
Winter Term, 1911					
Center Gram.	May A. Barnes	16	15.24	13.91	91.27
Center Pri.	Blanche L. Davis	16	16.00	14.58	91.13

In my report of a year ago I recommended to you for the betterment of school conditions at the village, as follows: "First, install some kind of a heating and ventilating plant; second, put in a new clean floor and do over the walls and ceiling; third, if the number of pupils remains permanent or increases, divide the school in some way."

You acted on my second recommendation and much improved and beautified the interior of the building. You were then compelled by a vote of the district to provide for the division of the school in a prescribed way. These changes nearly obliterated the improvements that you had already made.

In accordance with reasonable expectation, I am able to report that the division of the labor between two teachers has greatly increased the efficiency of the school. The immediate effect is perhaps most pronounced in the case of the younger classes, which may now receive the amount of attention which

they should have for satisfactory progress. In this respect there is a vast improvement but the fact still remains that the rooms are without means of ventilation, insufficiently and improperly lighted, and unsightly in appearance. These defects can not long be overlooked without serious menace to the sight and general health of the pupils. Suitable closet room should be provided without delay for the housing of the books and supplies.

The district has been especially fortunate in retaining both of the teachers of last year and equally happy in the selection of a teacher for the primary room.

In the matter of books and supplies, I wish to say that the dividing of the school at the village will give rise to the necessity of purchasing a larger number of books for supplementary reading than heretofore and a slightly larger sum will have to be expended another year.

Through you, permit me here to call the attention of the people of Langdon to the provisions of the statutes for the paying of the tuition of pupils attending approved secondary schools elsewhere in the state. Section 1, chapter 96 of the session laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 118, session laws of 1903, reads as follows: "Any town not maintaining a high school or school of corresponding grade shall pay for the tuition of any child who with parents or guardian resides in said town and who attends a high school or academy in the same or another town or city of the state, and the parent or guardian of such child shall notify the school board of the district in which he resides of the high school or academy which he has determined to attend, provided, however, that no town, etc." I will not attempt to interpret the clause which provides for the notice to the school board, so as to state whether said clause is mandatory or obligatory. This much is certain, that if the school board does not receive such notice in a specific case and does not include in their estimates for the coming year a sum sufficient for paying such tuition, then the school board cannot authorize the payment of the tuition during that fiscal year. How the lack of notice may affect the liability of the town or the district is a matter for the courts to determine.

With hearty and sincere thanks to the board for their support and co-operation, to the teachers for their earnestness and loyalty, to the public in general for their courtesy, this report is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS DEWITT RECORD,

Superintendent of Schools, Walpole—Westmoreland—Langdon Supervisory District.

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of the births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," we submit the following:

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.

Date, 1910	Name of child (if any)	Sex and Condition				Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Parents' Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace	Birthplace
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	Number of Child	Color							
Jan. 23		M		5		James W. Bascom	Dora V. Reed			Farmer	Langdon	Acworth
Jan. 28	Ruth Verna	F		1		Almon B. Lufkin	Ada Nash			Manufacturer	Langdon	Alstead
Mar. 2	Emma Rose	F		6		Henry Soucie	Jennie Morse			Farmer	Hanover	Norwich, Vt.
May 4	Orpha	F		8		Nat H. Beckwith	Flora Sarson			Painter	Quincy, Mass.	Acworth
May 8	Ernest Albert	M		2		Albert J. Porter	Lottie M. Whipple			Farmer	Alstead	Rockingham, Vt.
May 13		F	Living	4	White	Charles Westney	Alma I. Greene	White	Langdon	Farmer	London, Eng.	
May 13	Mabel Marguerite	F		4		Charles H. Wright	Gertrude Hurd			Painter	Langdon	Newport
May 18	Walter Malcolm	M		2		Charles H. Simons	Norah M. Steery			Farmer	Prince Edward Isl.	Swiftwater
July 15		F		1		Clarence Humphrey	Ruth M. Sharpe			Farmer	Hingham, Mass.	Sweden
July 22	Elizabeth Fitch	F		2		Garrat B. VanWagenen	Elizabeth J. Fitch			Farmer	New York, N. Y.	South Orange, N. J.
Aug. 7	Frances Madeline	F		4		Harry R. Forrester	Ellen Long			Iron Moulder	New Brunswick	Rhode Island
Oct. 22		F		4		Charles Jacobs	Alice G. Morse			Farmer	St. Johns, N. B.	Massachusetts
Oct. 24		M		2		Ervin A. Tuttle	Jeannette I.L. Lawton			Farmer	Grafton, Vt.	Rockingham, Vt.
Nov. 23		F		6		George T. Woodell	Annie Jones			Blacksmith	Claremont	Rockingham, Vt.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.

Date 1910	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at Time of Marriage	Age, yrs.	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Groom and Bride	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
Jan. 24	Alstead	Frederick T Schaefer	Boston, Mass	23	White	Machinist	Boston, Mass.	John Schaefer Bertha Musculas	Germany Germany	S	E. M. Smith, J. P., Alstead, N. H.
		Maud Emiline Potter	Langdon	21			West Rutland, Vt.	William A. Potter Nettie Woodbury	Castleton, Vt. West Rutland, Vt	S	

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.

Date 1910	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition: Male	Female	Color: Wh't	Sin. M. or W'd	Occupation	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: Mother	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Feb. 11	Susan D. Bragg	63	10	19	Keene		F		S	Housekeeper	Brandon, Vt.	Surry	Alba Bragg	Susan D. Allen
Sept. 6	Henry C. Clark	72	6			M			M	Farmer				
Oct. 19	George L. Woodward	79	6	18		M			M	Farmer	Rockingham, Vt.	Springfield, Vt.	Joshua L. Woodward	Amerilla Day

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

HERBERT A. HOLMES, Town Clerk.

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